REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action of July 27, 2004, are earnestly solicited.

By this amendment, Claims 5, 11 and 15 have been amended and Claims 10 and 14 have been canceled, leaving Claims 2—9, 11—13 and 15—20 pending in the application.

The Abstract has been amended to correct an inadvertent typographical error. Withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 6, 8—10, 14 and 16—17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by FR 2735081. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The seat cushion on FR 2735081 is not translatable along track 15—only rotatable thereabout. The only track meeting this language appears to be track 10, which is not disposed generally laterally in the vehicle. Claims 2, 6, 8—9 and 16—17 are therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowability of Claims 3, 4 and 18—20. Objected Claims 5, 11 and 15 have been rewritten in independent form thereby rendering Claims 5, 11 (and its dependent Claim 12), and 15 (and its dependent Claim 16) allowable.

Claims 10 and 14 have been canceled as being redundant to other pending claims.

Claims 5, 11 and 15, as amended herein, and Claims 2—4, 6—9, 12—13 and 16—20 as originally or previously submitted, are believed to be in condition for allowance, early acknowledgment of which is requested.

By:

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 21, 2004

Gordon K. Harris, Jr., Reg. No. 28,615

HARNESS, DICKEY & PIERCE, P.L.C.

P.O. Box 828

Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48303

(248) 641-1600

Attorney for Applicants

Ralph E. Smith CIMS 483-02-19 DaimlerChrysler Intellectual Capital Corporation DaimlerChrysler Technology Center 800 Chrysler Drive East Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2757 248-944-6519